

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 2:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/FR2003/003871, filed 22 December 2003, which claims priority of French Application No. 02 16567, filed 23 December 2002. The PCT International Application was published in the French language.

Please insert the following section heading at page 2, line 20:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To this end, the subject of the invention is a storage installation of the aforementioned type, ~~characterized by the characterizing part of claim 1:~~ particularly an underwater storage installation for a cryogenic liquid. A foundation base rests directly on the sea floor. An underwater cell stores the cryogenics liquid and has cryogenic liquid-supply and -discharge conduits connected to it. The storage cell comprises a sealed outer chamber and a vapor barrier disposed inside the outer chamber and which defines a watertight space. There is a separation space between the outer chamber and the vapor barrier. Spacers are disposed in that space to keep the chamber and the vapor barrier at a distance from one another. The installation can be used for the storage of liquefied natural gas.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Embodiments of the storage installation according to the invention are indicated ~~in the dependent claims 2 to 11~~ herein.

Please insert the following section heading at page 3, line 1:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following section heading at page 3, line 21:

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The thermal insulation means 110 further comprise a circular plate 116 (see figures 3 and 4) extending over the opening of the tank 90. The circular plate 116 is made of an aluminum structure not impervious to the natural gas. The plate 116 is suspended from the dome 46 of the enclosure 40 by means of rods 118. When the tank 90 is full, the plate 116 is approximately 50 cm above the top surface of the liquefied natural gas. A thermal insulation 120, for example perlite or fiber glass or rock wool, is placed on the plate 116 to constitute an insulating plate protecting the upper space (hemispherical cap) ~~form~~ from the cold temperatures and reducing thermal losses.